PUBLICATIONS AND VARIED INTERESTS

His book, THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS AS ILLUMINED BY THE GREAT THINKERS, containing selected Good Friday addresses, was sponsored by the Vestry for publication in 1958.

In 1953, the AMERICAN MERCURY published his article "The Unrelenting Periodicity of War". In April, 1953, he received an award from the Freedoms Foundation for an article on the "Communist Situation in American Churches".

In the Autumn of 1954 he wrote in the National Republic on "Safeguarding the Republic through a Powerful Renewal of Christianity".

In 1956, his Sermons on "The Healing of the Soul" and "The Dignity of Man in America" were printed in pamphlet form.

In June, 1961 a sermon was preached entitled "The Victory Strategy of Lincoln, Washington and Innocent IV". It was reprinted in the "Bulletin of the Union League of Philadelphia".

In 1962, he preached on "Anglican-Catholic Unity", which was reprinted in a brochure.

His sermon preached in the Church on June 9th, 1963 was reprinted as a pamphlet under the title "The Duty of the Supreme Court: Maintenance of God's Religion". Copies were ordered for nationwide distribution. It was incorporated in the Congressional Record after being used in a speech on the floor of the Senate, by Hon. A. Willis Robertson, Senator from Virginia, July 15, 1963. It was reprinted in "The Tablet" of Brooklyn and "The Register", American National Catholic newspaper, published in Denver, Col., with the largest circulation of Roman Catholic journals. It was thus made available to over 3,000,000 readers. Mr. Robert M. Harriss, of Palm Beach, Florida, ordered 5000 copies for distribution. It was reprinted in "Christian Economics" October issue, 1963.

For many years Dr. Haushalter worked with twenty noted scholars, in appreciation of the great German-American scholar Francis Lieber, whose Document, delivered before the Kantian Society in New England, came into the possession of Dr. Haushalter through the Crane family. Through the generosity of Mrs. William A. Atkins, of Indianapolis, this manuscript has been placed in the perpetual care of Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Haushalter published a brochure entitled, "Validation and Victory of the Francis Lieber Document", which has had a wide circulation.

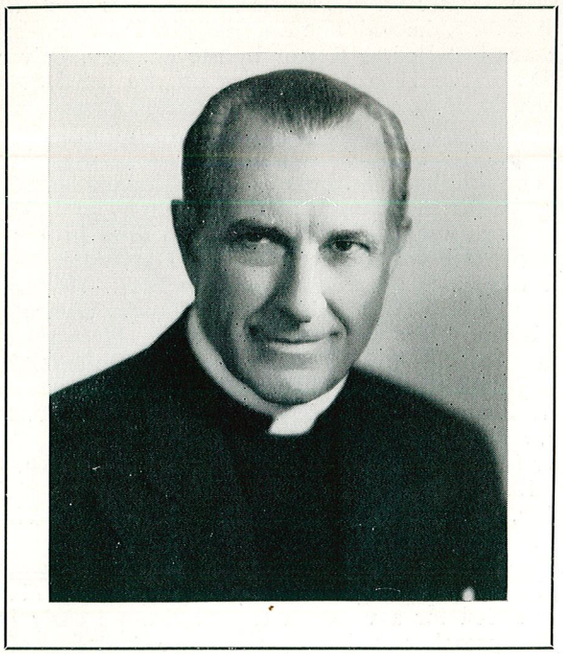
Never, at any time, did Dr. Haushalter wish to injure any religious body of persons embracing the metaphysical findings of the great scholar Lieber. Neither he, nor any of the Validators of the Lieber Document, received any compensation for their research.

Philosophical interest in Hegelian sources, on the part of the Kantian Society, was of great interest to Dr. Haushalter, who majored in Philosophy at Yale, under Dr. Ernest Hocking. His studies resulted in many pamphlets, written from time to time. Students in many universities throughout the country use these philosophical findings of Dr. Haushalter for graduate theses.

In the 1930's Dr. Haushalter participated in ecumenical discussions in Europe for the creation of the World Council of Churches. He was a graduate of Yale University and the Graduate School of Columbia University and the Union Theological Seminary. He received the degree of Doctor of Laws, from Lynchburg College, Virginia.

He had a most successful ministry among young people for ten years as University Minister at Columbia, Missouri.

THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE AND THE EPIPHANY



THE REV. WALTER M. HAUSHALTER, LL.D.

Rector 1950-63

IMMORTALITY AND ETERNAL LIFE

(From the Calendar for April 1950)

Immortality must be more than mere endless existence to be desirable. Many people dread the prospect, as Leuba's questionnaire proved. Buddhism offers so bleak a picture of the future life that its followers prefer the Nirvana of extinction. Here Christ does us a vast service by bringing "Immortality and eternal life to light through the Gospel." Through Christ death means liberation from the prison of the body, the abandonment of selfism which is the source of all our grief and the attainment of spiritual selfhood in a Community of souls, and eternal progress in the Love of God.

Christian Immortality will prove more glorious than we dared to hope. Golden streets, pearly gates, wings, halos, only faintly suggest the wonders of Eternal Life with God. In our noblest moments of prayer, music, hope and love we get intimations of this transcendent life as it shall be in a Community of Souls like Christ. "Eye hath not seen and ear hath not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man to conceive" what the world of pure Light and Love shall be. Our Holy Religion offers us more than mere immortality, Eternal Life in God through Christ.

WALTER M. HAUSHALTER

IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Walter M. Haushalter, LL.D., was elected Rector of the Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany by the vestry in February 1950. He was installed as Rector by the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D. S.T.D., at the 11 o'clock service on the third Sunday after Easter, April 23, 1950. His first Confirmation Class was presented to Bishop Hart following the service of Institution.

Dr. Haushalter became the tenth Rector of the Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany. St. Luke's Church, having been founded in 1834, merged with the Church of the Epiphany in 1898. He succeeded the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton who died in January 1950 after serving twelve years as Rector. Dr. Haushalter had been received into the Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1947. He was ordained to the Diaconate in the Church of All Hallow's, Wyncote, January 25, 1947, Bishop Hart was the Consecrator. He was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Andrew's Church, West Philadelphia, on St. James Day, July 25th the same year. In Bishop Hart's absence the Rt. Rev. William Robert Moody, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, and a close friend, officiated.

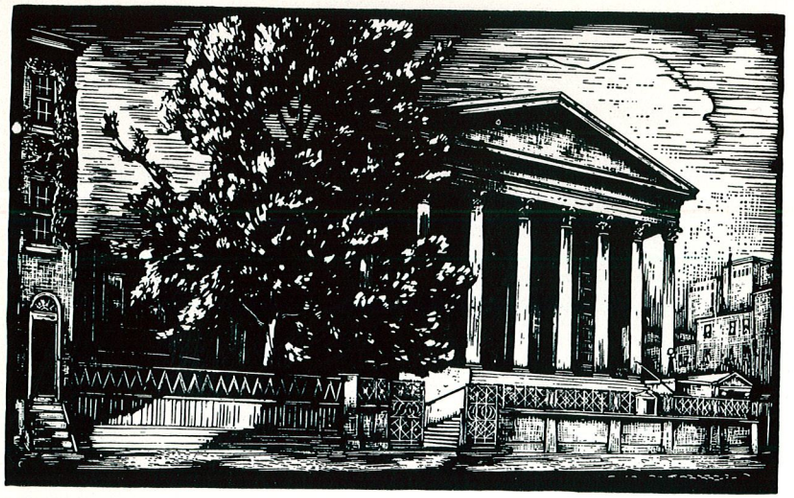
Walter Milton Haushalter was born in Doylestown, Ohio, December 4, 1891. He was married to Helen Tinsley McMillan at Garden City, L. I., October 15, 1934. He came to Philadelphia from Baltimore in 1946.

Dr. Haushalter would have reached retirement age in December, 1963, after completing thirteen years as Rector. He and Mrs. Haushalter sailed for a vacation trip to Europe early in August. He was guest preacher in the American Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, in Paris, on Sunday, August 25th. Passage home had been booked on the Queen Mary, sailing from Cherbourg on August 29th. While dressing for dinner in their apartment at the Meurice Hotel on the evening of Wednesday, August 28th, he was suddenly stricken and died as Mrs. Haushalter sought to help him.

Since her return, Mrs. Haushalter has paid high tribute to the Chapter of the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Paris for their tender care and spiritual ministry. Canon John White, particularly, showed every possible attention—both at the American Hospital and in arranging special remembrance at Holy Communion on Thursday morning.

Mr. Clarence Hunter, the American representative of the Treasury Department of the United States Embassy in Paris, international banker, a member of the Vestry of the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, and a member of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, was most sympathetic and obtained assistance from the U. S. Embassy.

The body of Dr. Haushalter was cremated in accordance with his wishes. While the sacred ashes were being prepared in Paris for transit, a Memorial Service of Holy Communion was held in the Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany on Friday, September 6th. The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong officiated. The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart read the burial office. A long-time friend, The Rev. S. Tagart Steele, read the Gospel; the Rev. Charles H. Long read the Epistle, and the Rev. Percy R. Stockman was Preceptor. A large congregation, including members of the Vestry and about thirty of the Clergy of the Diocese attended. Mr. Clarence K. Bawden was at the organ. Mrs. Haushalter was attended by Mrs. Claude Frederick, Dr. Haushalter's only sister; and his oldest living brother, Mr. Charles Haushalter.



The church he loved and served so well—as it welcomed him.

A REVIEW OF THIRTEEN YEARS

Early in his incumbency, in a message to the Congregation, Dr. Haushalter said, "We have a Mission, and a distinctive Mission, to discharge. For the Mission we have a theme whose author is God, and whose conception and place of direction is Heaven."

He enjoyed working with the Vestry in the administration of the Endowment and Trust funds of the Parish, and in his 10th Anniversary year, 1960, he gave this encouraging report, "In the past ten years the finances of the Church have been greatly increased and strengthened, and the Parish has made progress in its relation to the larger work of the Diocese and of the National Church." Of the original Vestry, Mr. John F. Bahm and Mr. Charles F. Bonsor are still active in 1963.

On the front page of each monthly Church Calendar, Dr. Haushalter presented a brief message. These vignettes were beautifully expressed and were eagerly read by all the parishioners and many others.

He participated with enthusiasm in special Parochial undertakings. In regard to a Parish dinner held in the fall of 1960, he commented, "The Church Dinner was attended by over 200. Many pronounced it 'The Best Ever.' Such beautiful occasions help build the Church as the true Family of Christ's people".

Mrs. Haushalter joined with the Rector in giving to Parish events a family feeling of gracious kindliness.

No one else ever knew the benefactions and helpful contributions to many individuals and to sundry causes which the Christmas and Easter offerings made possible. "Dr. Haushalter gave understanding and immediate response to my great need in a way I will never forget nor cease being grateful for", one beneficiary remarked.

The Altar Society, The Women's Auxiliary, The Red Cross Unit were warmly supported by Dr. Haushalter. On many occasions Mrs. Haushalter presented travel talks and lectures on Church Art and other fields of interest at meetings of the organizations. The United Thank Offering continued to grow with Dr. Haushalter's urging and commendation. He was pleased to have a member of the congregation serve on the Board of the House of Rest, and took great interest in its work as a Home for elderly women of the Diocese.

Dr. Haushalter loved the Prayer Book and the Services of the Church. He constantly emphasized the grace and beauty of the Liturgy. The pulpit was to him a sacred trust and the means of teaching God's truth by presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A faithful member of the congregation said, "He made me think. He enriched and enlarged my point of view and broadened my understanding. I liked his emphasis on the significance of the Holy Communion". The annual observance of Good Friday, with meditations by the Rector on the Seven Words from the Cross, with appropriate music arranged by the organist and presented by members of the choir, was a high point in each year's devotions. Over 1200 persons attended these Good Friday services on several occasions.

Dr. Haushalter urged sacrificial giving on the part of the members of the congregation, and of the church itself. The church gave the use of the house on 13th Street adjoining on the south, rent free, to "Volunteers Service for the Blind", and he encouraged members of the congregation to help in the Braille work which features this agency's service. At the time of his death, Mrs. Haushalter requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to the "Volunteers Service for the Blind". $277 was reported by September 25th.

Through the Savidge Fund, which was a memorial trust created in 1953, the income subject to the designation of the Rector and Vestry of the Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany, especially for the support of young men preparing for the Ministry, Dr. Haushalter was able to help many candidates for Holy Orders, as well as other young men. It was a great satisfaction to him when John Bieberbach, a member of a family long active in the Church, was accepted as a Postulant. After graduating with honors from the Philadelphia Divinity School, Mr. Bieberbach was ordained to the Diaconate in St. Peter's Church, Broomall, and to the Priesthood in St. Paul's, Elkins Park, in 1960.

Sons of the clergy, attending the Episcopal Academy at Overbrook, seminarians at the Divinity School in Philadelphia, have been aided by the Church of St. Luke and The Epiphany through the Savidge Fund.

During his Rectorship, Dr. Haushalter dedicated many gifts for the Altar and Sanctuary including Eucharistic Candles, several Dossals, Altar Frontals, Pulpit and Lectern Falls, and other Hangings, a Service Book, Chalice Veils and Burses, besides the new Lectern Bible. Every Sunday there were Memorial Flowers and at Christmas and Easter.*

Mrs. Arthur L. (Mary Frances) Nunns, a member of St. Luke and The Epiphany, bequeathed $1,150,000 to the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the interest to be used by the Bishop of the Diocese, "to extend the life and work of the Anglican Communion in the Philadelphia Community," as described by the Rector who was instrumental in encouraging the gift. This was the largest single bequest ever made to the Diocese.

On Sunday, October 1st, 1961, attended by the Rector and several of the congregation, Bishop Hart consecrated a headstone at the grave of Mrs. Nunns, in the cemetery of the Church of St. James the Less.

Each year, on All Saints Day, or the nearest Sunday, the names of members of the Parish who had died in the preceding year were memorialized. This list of memory was also sent to the Cathedral Church in Roxborough for perpetual remembrance.

** A List of all memorials, donors and those memorialized is kept on file at the Church.*

The Altar and Cross, Candles, Dossal and Hangings, the Organ, the Choir Stalls, the Pulpit, the Lectern, the National Ensign, the Church Flag—all of these Dr. Haushalter honored by word and deed.

ADDITIONAL HIGH LIGHTS FOR MEMORY AND APPRECIATION

1950—January 29th, Memorial Service for the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D.—Bishop Hart was the principal speaker.

1951—Dedication of Altar Cross, January 21st, in memory of Dr. Newton, gift of the Vestry.

1952—Sunday afternoon services of music, followed by social hour. Easter Offering reached $2,700.

1953—The Savidge Fund was entrusted to the Rector and Vestry of the Church.

1954—The afternoon musical service was transferred to 10:00 A.M. beginning March 28th. Later changed to 10:30.

1955—The Rector reported courtesies extended in the use of Church facilities to community agencies, including a Cerebral Palsy Group, the Spruce Street Improvement Association, the Mendelsohn Club for their rehearsals and recitals, Work for the Blind and the Taylor School.

1956—A Bible Class for men and women was held Sunday mornings at 10:15 led by Mr. Milton K. Mitchell, a member of the Vestry. A Mothers' Club was conducted by Mrs. William C. Turney.

May 31st—Penna. School of Nursing—Annual Commencement was held for the last time.

Sermon at Thanksgiving Day Service, "The Dignity of Man in America".

The organ was repaired. Dr. Haushalter described it as, "the third best organ in the City".

Summer services were held every Sunday.

1957—In February, the Diocesan Youth held its annual service.

St. Luke and The Epiphany contributed approximately $12,000 to the Diocesan Campaign, gifts of its members.

Dinner meeting of the Convocation of South Philadelphia held at St. Luke and The Epiphany.

1958—The Rector was requested by Bishop Hart to serve as his Chaplain at the Lambeth Conference.

In planning a survey of the Community, the Rector said, "The members of St. Luke and The Epiphany have a double joy:—they share the life of a great Church, and they are missioners until a new community comes in a reconstructed Philadelphia".

1959—Students from the Divinity School completed an intensive, house to house survey of the adjacent community.

$10,000 was accepted as the quota for the Diocese.

A meeting for law and order was held at the Church on March 23rd; Mayor Richardson Dilworth and Police Commissioner John Gibbons attended.

The Jefferson Hospital Baccalaureate service was held for the 20th year.

The Rector announced, "special prayers will be offered every day at the Altar in this Church during the visit of the Russian Anti-God and for the protection of America." He didn't approve the invitation to Premier Nikita Khrushchev to visit the United States.

The organist, Mr. Clarence K. Bawden, and the choir furnished the music for the Diocesan Convention in May.

In 1959, elected by the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania on the nomination of Bishop Hart, Dr. Haushalter became Chairman of the Board of Control of the Diocesan Library at the Church House. He was re-elected each year.

This was a congenial task for the Rector of St. Luke and The Epiphany, for as a philosopher, patriot and historian, he had many publications to his credit.

1960—Tenth Anniversary Year.

A buffet supper for the choir at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Haushalter, in Merion, was observed as an annual affair in June; also, a report meeting and tea for members of the several women's organizations.

On Sunday, May 16, the choir and members of the congregation conducted Evening Prayer at the Cathedral in Roxborough. Dr. Haushalter preached the Sermon.

In the May Calendar, the Rector wrote with enthusiasm, "Services of Holy Week were excellently attended and with reverent spirit. The attendance Maundy Thursday evening was the best in years, and as many attended the Easter Communion as ten years ago".

The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, D.D., Director and Chaplain Emeritus of the Seamen's Church Institute, became Assistant to the Rector on a part-time basis.

1961—Dr. Haushalter urged members of the congregation to take an interest in the World Day of Prayer held in the Church; and in the Billy Graham Crusade, held at Convention Hall and the Municipal Stadium.

The Rev. Samuel W. Hoyo, a priest of the Diocese of Tokyo, Japan, taking graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, assisted at the Sunday services.

The Church received notice from the City of Philadelphia that it had been awarded a Plaque designating St. Luke and The Epiphany as an Historical Site. The Rector acknowledged this as "assuring us of an inviolable place for the future".

1962—Bishop Hart held his last confirmation service in the Church on December 23rd, before retiring on July 18, 1963.

The Red Cross unit reported a total of 2,639 garments and other items made by the members.

On August 5th, during vacation, Dr. Haushalter preached at Christ Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland.

1963—January 20th, Dr. Haushalter dedicated the new Lectern Bible, King James Version.

The death of Edwin G. Strang, Verger and Lay Reader, occurred on August 20th, after a long illness. His Burial Service was held in the Church on the 23rd. The Rector and Mrs. Haushalter sent loving sympathy from Paris.